

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Wondrous Love" from "The Sacred Harp"

arr. Don Hustad

\*DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN OF SENDING #560 "I Love to Tell the Story"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #595 "They'll Know We Are Christians" (verse 1)

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.**

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.**

**And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "O Lord of Love, O King of Peace"

Michael A. Burkhardt



**WELCOME VISITOR!** We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about the Christian faith and about the church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor  
Dorothy Clark, Organist  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Nursery: Elizabeth Wagner & Suzie Wharton

# *Stockbridge Presbyterian Church*

*October 29, 2017*

*11:00 a.m.*



*"You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul, and  
with all your strength, and with all your mind;  
and your neighbor as yourself."*

*Luke 10:27*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Jesus Loves Me" (based on Debussy's "Clair de Lune") arr. Fred Bock

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD Beadle: Gene Ingram

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship.

Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you for submission to church prayer list.

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*Those who are able, please stand.

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #131 "Surely the Presence"

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings,**

**I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 90)

Liturgist: Jo Linda Ingram

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth,**

Leader: Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

**All: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship the Lord!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, our purpose on this earth is to love you and love others. We fall short of that purpose regularly; we are too often cold, selfish, and uncaring. Forgive us, Lord. Fill us so full of your love that we cannot help but offer it to others. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

### PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

\*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #109 "O, How I Love Jesus"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Monica Coutin-Baxter

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

ANTHEM "Blow Ye, the Trumpet, Blow" arr. Gailey

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Mark 12:28-31

Page 46, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 10:25-28

Page 67, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Because He First Loved Us"

Rev. Susan Bennett

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**